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In re application of:

Patrick A. Schneider et al.

Application No.: 09/485,193

Filed: June 3, 1999

For: USE OF PROTHYMOSIN IN THE
DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF
ENDOMETRIOSIS

Examiner: Stephanie W. Zitomer

Art Unit: 1634

PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING

OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 CFR

§1.181(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Petition is filed in response to the Notice of Abandonment mailed October 3, 2002 (copy attached) indicates that the present application was abandoned because Applicant allegedly did not file a timely response to the Office letter mailed February 26, 2002. As further discussed below, Applicant in fact filed a timely response to the Office letter of February 26, 2002, and accordingly now Petitions the Office to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR §1.181(a).

The Office letter of February 26, 2002 set forth a Restriction Requirement, with a shortened statutory period for reply expiring on May 26, 2002. On March 15, 2002, Applicant submitted a Response to the Restriction Requirement via facsimile. Copies of the Response, as well as the facsimile Communication Result Report and the U.S.P.T.O. Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmission are enclosed herewith.

Thus, the Notice of Abandonment appears to have been mailed in error because Applicant timely submitted a response to the Office letter mailed February 26, 2002. Applicant respectfully requests that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn in accordance with 37 CFR 1.181(a).

Applicants believe that no fee is required for submission of the instant petition. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fee from the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please deduct any additional fees from, or credit any overpayment to, the above-noted Deposit Account.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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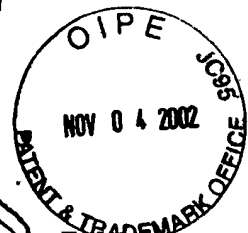
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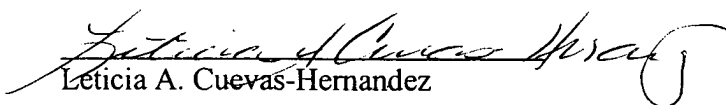
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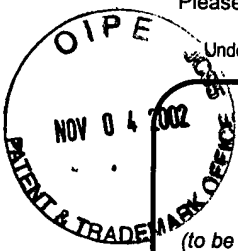
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